

**CHAPTER NO. 34**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2082**

**By Representative Fraley**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2005**

**By Senator Cooper**

AN ACT to amend Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1901; as amended by Chapter 283 of the Private Acts of 1911; Chapter 83 of the Private Acts of 1971; Chapter 69 of the Private Acts of 1985; Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1989; Chapter 43 of the Private Acts of 1993 and Chapter 195 of the Private Acts of 1994; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of the city of Decherd.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1901, as amended by Chapter 283 of the Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 83 of the Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 69 of the Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 43 of the Private Acts of 1993 and Chapter 195 of the Private Acts of 1994, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Section 3 by deleting the second paragraph in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new language:

The salaries of the Mayor and each alderman shall be established by ordinance, and any increases or decreases in salaries shall not become effective until the expiration of the terms of the Mayor and aldermen.

SECTION 2. Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1901, as amended by Chapter 283 of the Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 83 of the Private Acts of 1971, Chapter 69 of the Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 34 of the Private Acts of 1989, Chapter 43 of the Private Acts of 1993 and Chapter 195 of the Private Acts of 1994, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new language:

Section 6. A regular city election shall be held on the first Thursday of August, 2005, and every odd year thereafter. In order to continue staggered terms, the following election transition plan is hereby established:

(a) The Mayor and aldermanic seats expiring in June, 2003, shall be elected for a term of office ending on August 31, 2007, and every four years thereafter.

(b) Aldermanic seats expiring in June, 2005, shall be extended to August 31, 2005, and at the regular election of the first Thursday of August, 2005, two aldermen shall be elected to fill the expired vacancies for terms of four years, and every four years thereafter.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the city of Decherd. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the city of Decherd and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.

**PASSED: April 21, 2003**



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003**



PHIL BREDEZEN, GOVERNOR